

# Dr H.P.M. (Ben) Knapen

Place of residence	Amsterdam
Date of birth	06 January 1951
Nationality	Dutch

## Professional history

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Sept 2021 – mid Jan 2022	Interim Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
2019 – present	Parliamentary leader of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA), Senate (1st Chamber), Netherlands
2015 – present	Member of the Dutch Senate (1st Chamber) for the Christian-Democrat Appèl (CDA) party
2014	Chairman of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA) Programme Committee during the European Parliament elections
2013 – 2016	Director General of the European Investment Bank
2010 – 2012	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs – European Affairs and Development Cooperation
2008 – 2010	Member of the Scientific Council for Government Policy
2008 – 2010	Endowed Professor for Media and Quality at the Radboud University, Nijmegen
1999 – 2006	Member of the Board (Book Division) of PCM Publishers (now part of De Persgroep Nederland)
1977 – 1999 and 2006 – 2008	Editorial and correspondent activities for the NRC Handelsblad Internationaal (NL)

## Education

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Advanced studies, financial and operational accounting, Catholic University of Tilburg (NL),

PhD (Arts), Catholic University of Nijmegen (NL)

Scholarship, International Economics, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy,  
Medford/Somerville (USA)

Studies and PhD, Modern History, Catholic University of Nijmegen (NL)

## **Mandates**

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Statutory supervisory boards and similar bodies:

- Member of the Supervisory Board of the Leiden Asia Centre

## **Relevant knowledge, skills and professional experience**

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Relevant knowledge in the area of international relations, experience with international financial institutions, investor relations, marketing and communications, skills in the field of negotiating with international financial institutions and EU-institutions